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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Goto, et al.
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For: Methods of Treating or Preventing IBD with IL-18

Commissioner for Patents
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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION
UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121**

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Detailed Action dated January 31, 2007, setting forth a thirty (30) day shortened statutory period for reply. This response is being filed within said time period, and no fees are believed due. However, authorization is hereby given to deduct any fees required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-2570, should any fees be due.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application and are subject to a restriction requirement.

ELECTION/RESTRICTION

A requirement for restriction is made under 35 U.S.C. §121 and 372 as follows:

Group I. Claims 1, 3, and 5, drawn to a method of treating or preventing IBD with the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:1 or a variant thereof.

Group II. Claims 2, 4, and 5, drawn to a method of treating or preventing IBD with the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2 or a variant thereof.

Group III, claims 6, 8 and 9, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:1 or a variant thereof.

Group IV, claims 7 and 9, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2 or a variant thereof.

Upon review of the Detailed Action provided by the Examiner, Applicants provisionally elect the subject matter of Group I, claims 1, 3 and 5, drawn to a method of treating or preventing IBD with the polypeptide of SEQ IDNO:1 or a variant thereof with traverse.

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